



Dear Parents,

We're so excited to be able to celebrate "Hispanic Heritage" with all of our Highpoint Families once again this year. Below you'll find important information regarding this year's celebrations. If you have any questions, please contact your homeroom teacher or any member of our Administration Team.

HERE'S WHAT'S IN STORE

- *Displays of STUDENT WORKS with artifacts from each country the class was assigned.*
- *PTO will be selling FOOD tickets to sample FOOD TASTINGS from a variety of Hispanic countries our students explored.*
- *You will enjoy great MUSIC, DANCING, and ENTERTAINMENT!*
- *Students will get to partake in a super FUN ACTIVITY to earn a whole letter grade of EXTRA CREDIT!*
- *STUDENT PASSPORT to be stamped at each "country" visited (Student Displays).*
- *And MORE!!!!*

We look forward to celebrating the beauty and vibrancy of our hispanic culture with you!

Thank you!

Highpoint's Administration

How is Highpoint celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month?

Our Toddlers thru 8th Grade students will be learning about and honoring the heritage, cultural diversity, and unique contributions of Hispanic countries throughout "Hispanic Heritage Month". According to their grade level, students will be participating in exciting lessons, doing their own research, and collaborating with in-class projects guided by both their Spanish teacher and homeroom teacher(s). Our younger students will also be learning a lot by exploring their own family's hispanic traditions and sharing what they learn with one another as well.

All students will explore different aspects of hispanic culture including, music, food, art, and history, among other things through this project. Formal presentations will be scheduled during class for Kindergarten thru 8th Grade students for a grade (*see below*) in Spanish and Social Studies.

Important Dates:

~ **October 15th-17th: On-Campus presentations** (*in classroom*).

*Campus will not be open to parents on these days. **Please do not send food or drinks.***

~ **Saturday, October 19th: Our "HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL"** will take place ON CAMPUS.

Family members are welcome!

What's happening on Saturday, Oct. 19th?

- All Toddlers thru 8th Grade Students and their family members are invited to our “**HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL**”.
- **FREE ADMISSION!**
- Each class will have one tent for **Student Displays** (i.e. *presentation boards, art projects, masks, collected artifacts, dolls, other decor, etc.*).
- **This event is required for all students.** Students in Kindergarten thru 8th Grade will be earning credit towards their projects for their participation.
- 1st thru 8th Grade Teachers will be creating a schedule to organize student participation blocks at their class tent.
- Students must come dressed as described below and be prepared to talk about their assigned countries to guests visiting their class tent. **No formal dances or speeches/narrations.**
- Our PTO will be selling tickets for food samplings and drinks. More details on that will be provided separately.

How can parents help?

Parents can help by:

- ***Providing artifacts to use for decor***
- ***Volunteering to assist with display set-up and take-down***
- ***Volunteering to assist with stamping student passports***

PTO Class Reps will collaborate with the homeroom teacher in DECORATING and setting up their CLASS TENT & STUDENT DISPLAYS. Parents will use posters the students work on in class to decorate their tents in addition to items collected by parents from their children's assigned countries. Some sample traditional cultural items frequently used are: *maps, photographs, books about the country, ceramics, pottery, currency, flags, etc.*

- *Homeroom Parents will be responsible for gathering artifacts and creating the Student Display areas at this event. Teachers will be providing guidance and overseeing all student works that are showcased.*

Please contact your PTO Class Rep for more information on how you can help.

What should my child wear?

Teachers have sent instructions on what each student must wear for our Hispanic Heritage Festival on Saturday, October 19th.

- **Toddlers thru Kindergarten students** must wear the **required** Hispanic Heritage T-Shirt, dark blue jeans, and sneakers. **Please submit the order form by October 9th.**
- **1st thru 8th Grade students** must wear a SOLID WHITE T-Shirt, dark blue jeans, and sneakers. They will be provided with the matching handkerchief (boys) or flower (girls).

Friday, October 7th, 2024 &
Wednesday, October 16th thru Friday, October 18th, 2024

*Campus will not be open to family members on these days.
 All presentations will take place inside the classrooms.
 NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED.*

GRADE:	<u>IN-CLASS PRESENTATION SCHEDULE</u>
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024
Kindergarten (A & B)	Somos Hispanos!
	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024
1 st Grade-A	Mexico
1 st Grade-B	Guatemala
2 nd Grade	Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela
	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024
3 rd Grade	Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay
4 th Grade-A	El Salvador and Cultural Arts Presentation
4 th Grade-B	Panama and Costa Rica
5 th Grade	Chile, Peru and Bolivia
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024
6 th Grade	Nicaragua and Honduras
7 th Grade	Cuba, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico
8 th Grade	Spain and the Discovery of America